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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:
SE-5J

January 09, 2014

Attn: Mr. Ken Leanin,
Kalamazoo District,
Water Resources Division,
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009-5026

Dear Mr. Leanin :

Per the Substantive Requirements Document for the Portage Creek Time Critical Removal Action, the purpose of this memo is to certify that all retained self-monitoring requirements have been complied with and a year-to-date log has been maintained. I am providing this memo to comply with the January 10th deadline for certification to the Department, outlined in Section C.3 of the Substantive Requirements Document (SRD).

In addition to the above, please note that the application on which this SRD was based on accurately described the discharge. However, there will be no need for future water treatment or discharge, as the sediment removal activities associated with our Time Critical Removal Action have been completed.

I have also enclosed a summary of our weekly monitoring. Please note that there were a few weeks when the water treatment system was not operating due to lack of water from the drought, when we shut down the project for breaks such as around Labor Day, etc., so there are several weeks without sampling events because of that.

Finally, please note that the initial sampling round conducted on April 26, 2013 was from water being re-circulated between the sump and our waste water treatment plant, and was not discharged to the creek. This occurred during our system start up to see if there were problems, as the waste water treatment plant had been left on site over the winter. In fact we did discover a problem with a screen on the lag carbon vessel that was repaired. Thus effluent sample 240-23751-1, which showed a PCB result of 0.294 ug/l of PCB-1242 did not represent an actual discharge to waters of the State, and therefore was not reported when it was discovered. All effluent samples collected after this start up period were non-detect for PCBs.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312-802-9637.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Thomas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Craig Thomas
On-Scene Coordinator

cc: Paul Ruesch, USEPA
Andy Maguire, USEPA
Kameron Jordan, MDEQ

Enclosures (1)